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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 11, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 20060928), please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory time period set for the response and requires no extension of time.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.